

Wouldn't Russell Sage hate to leave this mundane sphere while money is at 125 per cent interest?

Santo Domingo is going to have the time of its life. Four different revolutionary movements are impending there.

Suppose the American cabinet should follow the example of the Santo Dominicans and decide to "fire" the president?

Up to date, the one incontrovertible fact about New York state insurance officials is that they drew their pay faithfully.

Webster Davis says he has been a republican all the time. Republicanism these days covers a multitude of political opinions.

It may be all right for the senators to dig the Panama canal themselves, but it will never do to make Senator Morgan a gang boss.

Mr. Roosevelt seems to think that the Panama canal ought at least to furnish as many soft snaps as a life insurance company.

Uncle Russell Sage is now making only \$75,000 a day on his money loans, but that is doing fairly well for a man of 80 years.

When money gets up to 95 per cent the Wall street speculators can hardly tell the difference between a banker and a loan shark.

Mabelle Gilman declares that she cares nothing for President Corey of the United States steel corporation. Everybody knew that from the first, but Corey.

A Missouri woman archaeologist is to marry a Texas man anthropologist. The imagination falters when it tries to picture the possibilities of a family quarrel.

Taking railway passes from congressmen will amount to a reduction of salary. Isn't it unconstitutional to reduce a congressman's salary (?) while he is in office?

The Russian crown jewels have been sent to the Bank of England for safe keeping, not the bank of France. Oh, no! Russia owes the French bankers too much money.

Secretary Taft is much encouraged over the condition in the Philippines, reports showing that the rice crop is a bumper, while the typhoon crop is almost a total failure.

In attempting to force joint statehood on Arizona and New Mexico, Speaker Cannon is assuming the rule of the Czar—just at a time, too, when czars are having hard sledding.

President Roosevelt did right in promptly heading off the western project to start subscription for a wedding present to his daughter. It was a foolish suggestion—little short of impudence.

While it is absurd for members of the house of representatives to introduce 12,000 bills in a single session, it is only fair to remember that under existing rules, "introducing bills" is about the only privilege left to the average representative.

The Washington Post notes the expert arguments against the reduction of the duty on sugar. Tariff experts are opposed to any tariff reduction. And, in fact, everybody is, except the consumers; and what do 80,000,000 consumers amount to?

A NEW JOB FOR CLEVELAND

The Former President Will Be the Referee For Three Large Insurance Companies.

New York, Jan. 3.—An agreement to abolish rebating on premiums has been entered into by the New York Life Insurance Co., the Equitable Life Assurance Co. and the Mutual Life Insurance Co. Announcement is made that Grover Cleveland has been appointed referee to decide all questions in dispute that may arise in such matters and that his salary as referee will be \$12,000 per annum, to be paid jointly by the three companies. Mr. Cleveland has accepted with the understanding that the officers of the three companies are to second him in his efforts to stop rebating.

Has Satisfied the Law.

St. Louis, Jan. 3.—Edmund Berach, first of the St. Louis hoodlums to be convicted, will be released from the penitentiary next Saturday. He received a sentence of two years on plea of guilty. He has been ill, and his wife has secured a divorce.

AN INVESTIGATION IS ON

The Grand Jury at Baltimore, Md., Indicts Former Officials of the Maryland Trust Co.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 3.—The grand jury which has been investigating the affairs of the Maryland Trust Co., under the old regime, returned presentments against three of the former officials. One of them, Henry J. Bowdoin, who was the vice-president and in active charge at the time of the suspension, was arrested on a capias from the criminal court and released under bond of \$10,000. The other two have not been arrested.

To Double Present Rates.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Board of trade commission men are agitating the proposition to double their present rates of brokerage for executing deals in grain. A number of them have started a movement to make the rate one-quarter of a cent per bushel instead of one-eighth as at present.

Seventy and Seven Been Kissed.

Waukegan, Wis., Dec. 27.—A verdict of \$40 for breach of promise was given Barbara Miller against John Schuesler. The plaintiff is more than 60 years old and the defendant is over 70. When asked if she had ever been kissed by the defendant the aged plaintiff said: "No man can take such liberties as that with me."

Holiday Visit to "Plain Dealing."

Washington, Dec. 27.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by several of their younger children, left Washington Wednesday for a visit to their country place, "Plain Dealing," in Albemarle county, Virginia, returning Sunday night.

Cincinnati Coal Dealers Indicted.

Cincinnati, Dec. 27.—A general indictment against Cincinnati coal dealers for violation of the anti-trust law was returned Wednesday morning. Twenty men were indicted.

Fatal Fight Over a Card Game.

Owensville, Ky., Dec. 27.—As the result of a dispute during a card game in Wise county, Va., near the Kentucky state line, George Mead shot and killed Will Ferguson, a bystander, and Mary Rainey, a servant was fatally wounded. Ralph Snyder, and John Leslie were playing cards with Mead and participated in the fight.

Twenty-Three Cents on Capital.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 3.—Charged with attempting to swindle merchants out of large sums by means of bogus drafts, Sigfried B. Goldman, of Ocean Park, Cal., had 23 cents when arrested here. He says he has plenty of money in a bank at Los Angeles. He talked of starting a bank here.

Killed His Life.

St. Louis, Jan. 3.—James A. Murphy, a brother of Jeremiah Murphy, the pork packer, committed suicide in a group of evergreens on the south grand drive in Forest park sometime Tuesday night or early Wednesday. No cause is known.

McClellan's Backers Win Millions.

New York, Dec. 27.—More than \$5,500,000, tied up for the last eight weeks in wagers on the mayoralty election, has been paid to the backers of McClellan for re-election.

Two Injured at Morehouse.

Morehouse—Fred Klinebaugh, aged twenty years, shot himself in the left ankle while celebrating Christmas. Mrs. Henry Helms received a badly mangled hand, due to the explosion of a cannon cracker.

Realty Man Ends Life.

Boonville—Eugene M. Hess, vice-president of the Hess Realty Co., committed suicide at his home by shooting through the heart with a revolver. Financial troubles prompted the deed.

Has Full Power.

Jefferson City—The supreme court holds that full power to grant and revoke drinking licenses in St. Louis is vested in the state commission.

MISSOURI GLEANINGS.

Noyes Succeeds McAllister.

Columbia—Dr. Guy L. Noyes, professor of eye and ear diseases in the Missouri university, has been appointed superintendent of Parker Memorial hospital, to succeed Dr. A. W. McAllister, resigned. Dr. McAllister has been superintendent of the hospital since its organization, and has held the position of dean of the medical department of Missouri university since its foundation, 30 years ago. Increasing duties in connection with his office as dean caused his resignation. He will continue as dean of the medical department.

May Buy Waterworks Plant.

Springfield—A plan is being considered by the members of the city council for the purchase of the Springfield waterworks plant. A council committee made a majority report favoring the purchase of the plant for \$700,000, but on consideration the assembly added two members to the committee investigating the matter, and a further report will be made at a later meeting. It is probable that a special election will be ordered early in the year to vote on a bond proposition.

Judge Graves Not to Resign.

Butler—It has been authoritatively stated that Judge W. W. Graves, of this city, will not resign as judge of this circuit. Several reports have been circulated to the effect that Judge Graves was thinking of resigning to become a candidate for congress. It is generally understood, however, that Judge Graves has not contemplated taking such a step.

State Assessors to Meet at Mexico.

Mexico—The annual meeting of the County Assessors' association of Missouri will be held Wednesday and Thursday, February 7 and 8, in this city. Gov. Folk is expected to deliver an address. The state board of equalization has been asked to meet with the assessors, and each member has accepted the invitation.

Said Good-Bye and Killed Himself.

Holivar—Ex-Police Judge W. A. Matheny shot and killed himself. Despondency due to domestic troubles in the assigned cause. Just before killing himself he bid his family good-bye and went to the front gate, where he drew his revolver from his pocket and, placing the muzzle against his head, pulled the trigger.

Former St. Joseph Packer Dies.

St. Joseph—Benjamin Ullman, aged 81, a prominent and wealthy resident, who was born in Philadelphia and engaged in the meat-packing business here in 1857, is dead, as the result of a fall on the pavement sustained several weeks ago.

Horseman Arrested in St. Joseph.

St. Joseph—J. H. Robinson, aged 33, a farmer and well-known horseman, who is wanted on complaint of the First national bank at Stewartville, was arrested here by Detective Ryan, just as he entered the home of his wife.

Scott County Burglars Liberated.

Jefferson City—Gov. Folk has commuted the sentences of Arthur Lindsay and Lee J. King, sent up from Scott county in 1904 to serve three years each for burglarizing an express office, and they have been set at liberty.

The St. Louis Police Shake-Up.

St. Louis—The police board has dismissed Detective Lee Killian and Patrolmen Roach and Powderly. Capt. John M. Pickett and Patrolman Michael O'Connell will be tried on charges of neglect of duty.

Negro Boys Charged With Murder.

Springfield—Willard Caldwell and Elmer Hancock, negro boys, have been arrested on the charge of murdering I. M. Kinney, a tailor, on the night of December 30, as he was entering his home.

New Church For Centralia.

Centralia—A movement has been inaugurated to erect a new M. E. church, south, building in this city, as the present building is too small and inadequate for the present membership.

Missouri Probate Judges Meet.

Springfield—The State Probate Judges' association met in the Greene county courthouse, about 50 being in attendance. A banquet at the Springfield club closed the session.

Head of Five Generations Dead.

St. Louis—Michael Westermann, 93, one of the oldest residents of St. Louis county, died at his home at Matthea. Deceased was the head of a family of five generations.

M. U. Glee Club Officers.

Columbia—The following officers of the Missouri University Glee club have been chosen: President, S. A. Dew; director, Prof. Fritz Krall; manager, J. V. Goodson.

Alleged Joint Dynamited.

Rich Hill—A building owned by P. N. Jones was dynamited at Archibald. Jones was asleep in the structure, but escaped injury. The place was an alleged joint.

HE OUGHT TO SWEAR OFF.



A BATTLE FOUGHT IN SANTO DOMINGO

THE TROOPS OF FUGITIVE PRESIDENT MORALES ATTACK THE CITY OF PUERTA PLATA.

AFTER SEVERE FIGHTING, WERE FORCED TO RETIRE

Conflict in the Streets of the City Between Adherents of Morales and Troops Supporting Caesars. Temporary President — Morales Preparing For Another Attack.

Cape Haytien, Haiti, Jan. 3.—Advices received here early Wednesday morning from Puerto Plata, on the northern coast of Santo Domingo, say that the troops of the fugitive President Morales, under the command of Gen. Demetrio Rodriguez, attacked Puerto Plata at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The fighting was severe, lasted until 5 o'clock in the evening, when the beleaguering force retired. A number of men were killed or wounded on both sides in the engagement, during which bayonets and swords were principally used.

Preparing For Another Attack. The forces of Gen. Rodriguez, which are massed outside Puerto Plata, were when these advices were forwarded, preparing for another attack on the place.

Fighting in the Streets. A portion of the population of Puerto Plata has declared in favor of Morales, and street fighting has occurred, the supporters of Morales shooting from the windows of their houses at the troops of Gen. Caesars, the temporary president of Santo Domingo. These troops were experiencing difficulty in defending themselves, as they were unable to locate the persons firing on them.

His Candidacy Depends. A messenger who arrived here from Monte Christi brought the news that Gen. Demetrio Rodriguez has announced that if his attack on Puerto Plata is successful he will proclaim himself a candidate for the presidency of Santo Domingo.

BRAZIL'S TARIFF IS SEVERE

Bears On Imports of American Flour, Grains and Other Important Commodities.

Washington, Jan. 3.—A serious blow has been struck at the American export trade by Brazil, according to advices received from Petropolis, the diplomatic suburb of Rio. This is to the effect that an order has just been issued putting in force the new tariff, which bears with great severity on imports of American flour, grains and many other important commodities. The state department has been powerless to offer Brazil any inducement to desist from the increase of duties on American products.

Barbers Texas Executed.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 3.—Barbara Texas, the Tyrolean girl, who on New Year's day shot and killed Frank Chidens to protect her honor, was executed by the coroner's jury. The jury was out only long enough to prepare a verdict.

Upwards of \$20,000 has been sent from this country to Russia to aid the revolutionaries there.

WILD'S RIDE IN AN AIRSHIP

HE SAILS OVER CHICAGO IN A SNOW STORM.

Found It Hard Going in Wind, Snow and Cold, and Assisted to Earth by Fifty Men.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Horace B. Wild sailed his airship, "The Eagle," six miles over the city in a driving snow storm and a temperature that registered as low as 5 below zero.

Wild's plan contemplated taking the ship across the river into the business district, circuit over the Masonic temple and the hotels and alight on the lake front. Two thousand persons waved "good-bye" to him when he mounted the rigging a few minutes after 4 o'clock.

The Eagle shot up at an acute angle, with propellers working and rudder in Wild's hands. At 1,000 feet he made a number of circles over the water works and then disappeared in the smoke and darkness toward the northwest. Friends in an automobile trailed the ship for three miles and then lost it.

"I lost my bearings after I left the lake shore," said Wild. "The smoke was so thick I could not see a thing below me. Then came the snow and it grew so cold my thermometer registered 5 below."

"I finally stopped the engine and began to descend. Then I got a glimpse of the city and discovered I was away to the northwest. I could tell I was over Milwaukee avenue."

"I started back for the business district, but found it hard going against the wind and snow. The balloon part of the ship was getting soaked and heavy. I determined to alight and dropped out 500 feet of rope."

The big ship was seen careening in the sky, 500 feet up, and soon 20,000 people were chasing it. The rope was seized several times, but could not be held until at least 50 men got their hands on it.

The Eagle was pulled down between the buildings suffering the loss of the rudder. The descent was at Robey and Ohio streets.

"VOLUNTEER RETIRED LIST"

It Would Include All Union Generals and Give Them Pay of Retired Officers.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Gen. John L. Beveridge, of Chicago, and 100 other generals of the volunteer army of the civil war have petitioned various senators and representatives to assist in a movement to create what is known as the "volunteer retired list" for the benefit of the surviving generals of the union army in the civil war. It is proposed to place upon this roll the surviving major generals and brigadier generals, including those who were breveted brigadier general on account of distinguished service, and give them the pay of the retired officers of the same grade of the regular army.

Theatrical Manager Drops Dead.

Hannibal—William Kohnle, aged 55, manager of the Isle of Bon Bon company, dropped dead of heart failure on the stage of the Park theater.

Young Aurora Hunter Killed.

Aurora—Charles Cherry, a young man, was instantly killed while hunting a few miles north of here. His gun was accidentally discharged.

McJannet Made Omen.

Washington — Announcement has been made of the appointment of E. H. McJannet, of St. Joseph, Mo., as special agent to Colfax, Ark.

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